

MERE MATTERS

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YOUR COMMUNITY MAGAZINE
INCLUDING A GUIDE TO LOCAL EVENTS



JULY/AUGUST 2014

MERE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meets every month. Whilst it is not a public meeting, members of the public are welcome to come and listen. The Council members are working on YOUR behalf to sustain and improve the quality of life and the environment that we enjoy in the parish - come and hear what they are doing for you! You will be permitted to raise questions in a public session before the meeting starts. The next meeting will be held in the Andy Young Pavilion **at 7.30pm on Monday, 30th June 2014**. There is no meeting in either July or August. The following meeting will be on Monday, 1st September.

The Chairman writes:

We have had many compliments about the wonderful display of poppies which have been planted to commemorate the First World War Centenary. Many thanks to Cllr. Hazzard for the planting and also to the Mere & District Chamber of Trade for their generous contribution towards the extra costs involved. Every year we are thankful for the sponsorship we receive towards the cost of the floral displays, and we would be grateful for any donations again this year. (Please see our Clerk's notice on the following page.)

On Sunday, 13th July, 2014, the Annual 43rd (Wessex) Division Memorial Service and Parade will take place in Mere, maybe for the last time. In the past, this event has had good attendance, and on this 70th Anniversary of the Normandy Landings and the battle for Hill 112, we would like to encourage as many people as possible to attend. The parade will start off from Salisbury Street Car Park at 2.30pm. The salute will take place at the War Memorial and the parade will then proceed to Castle Hill Play Area for a Drumhead service.

Following complaints from parishioners about rubbish being left out, especially in the centre of Mere and over the weekend, I would like to remind you that refuse, for collection, must be left out before 7.00am on the morning of collection.

The Parish Council has a vacancy which will be filled by co-option at a meeting to be held on Monday, 1st September 2014. Those interested in becoming a parish councillor should submit an expression of interest to the Parish Clerk. Candidates will be given information on eligibility and will be invited to submit a personal statement.

For information on Parish Council activities, minutes, agendas, contact numbers etc. please refer to the Mere website: **www.merewilts.org**, e-mail the parish clerk at: **lindseywood@merewilts.org** or ☎ 01747 860701

Lesley Traves, Chairman, Mere Parish Council

Richard Robbins - Trained Gardener - 25 years experience. All aspects of Garden Care Undertaken
01373 473008 Mobile 0751 0130 083



Floral Enhancements

As reported by the Chairman on the previous page, I can confirm that the Parish Council has, this year, planted up all the tubs and borders with poppies to commemorate the First World War Centenary. Last year we were very grateful to the various sponsors (business and members of the public – see below) who helped to make these floral displays possible. The scheme was a great success. There are 14 tubs within the town and they are planted twice a year for summer/autumn displays and winter/spring displays. Mr. Clive Hazzard has graciously agreed to replant the tubs again this year, and I should point out that this is done at cost price and at no profit to him and we thank him for this generous offer. We also thank the willing volunteers who water the tubs.

We estimate the cost of planting each tub is £40 per year and once again, we are looking for sponsors and we would be grateful to any businesses or members of the public who would like to sponsor a tub. We will publish a list of all sponsors in a future edition of Mere Matters. If you would like to help with Mere's floral enhancements, please contact:

Mrs. Lindsey Wood, Parish Clerk, Duchy Manor, Springfield Road, Mere.

☎ 01747 860701

We would like to thank the following, who sponsored the tubs last year:

Jack, Chloe, Isabel, Eleanor, Connor, Bryony, Tye & Olly	Mrs. Jane Hurd	
Mr. & Mrs. L. Stanton	Peter & Sue Breeze	Mrs. Jean Coward
Mr. & Mrs. Collard	Dr. David Longbourne	Mr. & Mrs. Stallard
Sprout & Flower	The Hill Brush Company	F. J. Chalke & Son
Jeans Electricals		

GEORGE JEANS, WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR, MERE DIVISION, WRITES:

While at County Hall I sometimes use the public library, which is near the main entrance. I was interested to read in a book entitled "A History of Wiltshire" by Bruce Watkin, that in 1337 Mere was fourth of the 15 top Towns of Wiltshire paying poll-tax. Salisbury had 3226, Wilton 639, Melksham 511 with Mere fourth with 489. It appears the Mere Area was as important then as it is still!

I am very pleased to inform you that at a meeting of The South West Area Board on the 4th June, I was elected as Chairman of the Board for 2014/15. I have agreed with the board members that I will only be Chairman for one year, and in future we will each take a turn of one year in office. With five board members and four years between Wiltshire Council elections, someone could be unlucky! However, should they get re-elected that person would then be the first to take one year in office as Chairman of the South West

Area Board (SWAAB). For the period of last year, I would like to thank my fellow Councillor, Jose Green, who made a very able Chairman of SWWAB.

It is a brilliant sunny June day as I write this, and swimming pools come to mind. I informed readers last month that Mere Swimming Pool, which was a memorial for The Second World War, is at risk of being lost. It may not be possible to keep the swimming pool if no one person nor group of people come forward to save it. I note that the people of Zeals, which is smaller than Mere, seem able to keep theirs in service.

I have some good news for some. A number of the recycling skips that had been removed from Salisbury Street Car Park will hopefully have been returned by the time you read this. This will be for one year only, to give more time for householders to adjust to separating their recycling and having it collected every other week from their doorsteps. Wiltshire residents are being encouraged to recycle as much as possible and not to present additional household waste next to their bin, which is known as 'side waste'. Please do not use black sacks for door step household recycling as this may cause confusion as to whether it is ordinary waste or recyclable waste.

Recyclable side waste is allowed. Wiltshire does try to encourage those residents who produce a lot of recycling to have two black boxes and a larger blue lidded bin where this is practicable, but not everyone knows these are available. Understandably, accepting side material for recycling could be a confusing message for residents.

I have had complaints as to why some black bags have not been collected. All non-recyclable household waste should be put in a wheelie bin. If you have been assessed as not being able to store such a bin, you will have been issued with blue labels to stick on your non recyclable household waste. If this is not the case, please contact ☎ 0300 456 0100.

Our Area Board at present is doing all it can to preserve youth work and youth clubs for this area. You will note I have separated youth work and youth clubs as they are not necessarily the same thing. Some youths of 13 to 19 may need a youth worker to help with his or her problems, but not necessarily a youth club. Youth funding is to be reduced and the system largely reworked. A youth worker, to be known as a "Community Youth Officer" (CYO) will be put in place, one for each of Wiltshire's 18 area boards. Some youth funding will be delegated to Area Boards. Hopefully planned youth activities in the summer holiday will be able to go ahead.

Salisbury, although it seems well away from our area, is one of our local cities that we visit. A Cumulative Impact Area (CIA) was proposed for Salisbury at the last Wiltshire Council Licensing Committee. Salisbury City Council and others were against this. The idea is to give further control to Wiltshire Council as to where alcohol in the proposed CIA of Salisbury is sold. I argued that residents want more enforcement of licensing conditions rather than control of the density of venues. It sometimes can be good to have more venues, as more venues tend to lead to fewer drinkers per venue, but often

much alcohol has already been consumed before arriving at a venue! The committee agreed to defer the decision and have a special meeting in Salisbury, rather than Trowbridge where we now meet, to allow people of Salisbury easier access to the meeting.

Probably affecting Zeals more than my whole elected area, Zeals is to have a Lorry Trailer Park at Longcross. This was decided by the Southern Area Planning Committee at a meeting on the 12th June in Salisbury. The site has had two previous refusals for development by a planning inspector. When I attended the site meeting at Zeals earlier in the day, I was met with a demonstration for refusal. Zeals Parish Council and many Zeals residents were against the plan, and those in favour were few in the village or did not make themselves known to me. For information, the officer's report showed that delivery and collection of trailers to or from the park should only take place between the hours of 6.00 and 7.30am and 6.00 and 7.30pm from Mondays to Fridays. Movements to and from the park are not to take place at any time on Sundays and Public Holidays. Also, lorries are to enter and leave the park directly to the A303 without travelling through Zeals.

The Flag continues to fly on Castle Hill as two generous residents have paid for flags in recent months. I have not as yet asked their permission to enable me to name the last person who made a donation.

Although I have said the following in most recent months, I believe I am right to do so again. This year there will be many activities in Mere to commemorate those that fell, were injured or served in war, particularly in the First World War. I hope some of you will come out to see the 70th and last march along Salisbury and Castle Streets, followed by the drumhead service at the bottom of Castle Hill, to commemorate the battle of Hill 112 in Normandy in 1944.



NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING NEWS

Scams to look out for....

There are lots of people who are reporting that they are getting letters, e-mails or telephone calls that are designed to deceive you! They come in all forms. Here are a few:

1. You have been left a vast fortune by someone who has died in (usually) an African country. To claim the money, you have to send a few thousand pounds to them first to

pay tax on the winnings. This should ring alarm bells! If anyone asks you to do this, then you will not see your money again! **SCAM**

2. You get a letter from a foreign lottery, the one we saw was from Australia. This came in the same format of a Readers Digest Draw letter, very professionally done, but they ask you to send your bank details AND your security number!!! **SCAM**
3. You get a computer pop up saying your computer has been locked by Metropolitan Police and you have to pay to get it unlocked! No police force would ever do this! **SCAM**
4. There are 2 viruses going the rounds, these are usually downloaded by unsuspecting users by opening e-mail attachments from unknown sources. Be vigilant and don't open attachments from someone you do not know. The viruses lock your computer and demand around £200 to have it unlocked. Make sure you update windows often and get a good security software programme.

The old adage, 'If it seems to good to be true, it usually is', comes to mind! Be warned. Report any Scams on '101' or to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

Summer Warnings.

This time of year we remind everybody about home security, especially when the hot weather beckons us into the garden and we leave windows open. Shut windows at night and when you are not there to detect anyone coming in. We sometimes get complacent, and that is just what the thief wants! Remember 'Lock it or lose it'.

PCSO Pete Tscherniawsky out and about

During my patrols I often stop and have a chat with residents and help deal with their issues. I think I am very lucky to have such a beautiful place as Mere and surrounding villages to do foot patrol in, and sometimes, I will take a few seconds to take a picture on my mobile phone and share it on our Facebook page. Thank you to everyone for the comments.

I was at Well Head allotments this week, and seeing the onions growing reminded me of my next door neighbour who dug up some bulbs, thinking they were onions, (they were in fact Daffodil bulbs) he cooked them and ended up in hospital! Doctors have told him that he will be out in the Spring! Have a good summer and be safe!

Call '101' for non-emergencies and 999 in an emergency.

PC Richard Salter and PCSO Peter Tscherniawsky ☎ 101 (24hrs)

 ***richard.salter@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk*** or

 ***peter.tscherniawsky@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk***

MERE SURGERY

You may be aware that from April all GP practices are required to provide registered patients aged 75 and over with a named GP who will have overall responsibility for the care and support that the surgery provides to them.

Mere Surgery will be contacting patients shortly informing them of their named GP either via a repeat prescription message or a letter. Please note that although you will be provided with a named GP it does not prevent you from seeing any GP in the practice.

Michele Mason, Practice Manager, ☎ 01747 86001

MERE LIBRARY

Summer Reading Challenge Activity



Mythical Maze

Saturday, 16th August at 10.30am to 12.00noon

Come along for some fantastic mystical fun
with stories and craft activities

Suitable for children between about 4 and 11.

The event is free of charge, but please call or ring beforehand to pick up
or reserve a ticket, as numbers are limited.

Don't forget to join the Summer Reading Challenge - 12 July to 6 Sept
2014

Laura Ford, Mere Library Assistant ☎ 01747 860546

MERE LIPREADING GROUP

I have been a member of the above group for some time now; whilst it hasn't improved my hearing it has helped me face situations which I previously found daunting. How many of us with a hearing loss have stopped going to parties, to the pub, to meetings etc. because we simply can't hear what is being said and 'are afraid to get it wrong'. Loss of hearing is a natural progression as you get older so why do we say 'I'm sorry I'm deaf'. Blind people don't say 'I'm sorry I'm blind', and yet they get so much more sympathy.

Mere is very fortunate in having the ONLY lip-reading group in the County and yet we are struggling to attract new members. Why don't you come along and see what we do – we have a lot of fun.

Unfortunately there is NO funding for Lipreading classes although we have in the past been very fortunate in receiving grants from the Mere Lecture Hall Trust and the

Moviola Film Company, but for £3 a meeting, we have a morning of fun and friendship, as well as learning.

Meetings are held on Tuesday mornings (in term time) from 10.15am-12.15pm in the small room at the Grove Building. For more information please contact Sheila Thomson by ✉ SheilaT@bishopstrow.org.uk or on ☎ 07760 731406. *Barbara Bourne*



Mere Dental Practice

The practice has Dentists: Stephen Sherrard & Christopher Davies and a further Dentist has started.

It also has Dental Therapists Wendy Hester & Jay Lonsdale.

Contact Details: - Mere Dental Practice, Duchy Manor, Springfield Road, Wiltshire, BA12 6EW, ☎ 01747 860365,

E-mail: meredental@btconnect.com, Website: meredentistry.co.uk,

Opening hours: - Monday – Thursday 8.45am – 5.30pm, Tuesday 8.45am – 7pm & Friday 8.45am – 5pm



The practice is sited in the grounds of Mere Primary School, first building on your left when you go through the school

43rd (WESSEX) DIVISION MEMORIAL SERVICE

The annual 43rd (Wessex) Division Memorial service and Parade will take place on Sunday, 13th July 2014. The Parade will step off from Salisbury Street car park at 2.30pm and proceed to the area below Castle Hill for its customary Drumhead Service.

The service is in memory of the men of 43rd (Wessex) Division who gave their lives in Europe 1944/45. Anyone wishing to join the parade will be most welcome.

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the Normandy Landing and the battle for Hill 112 and it will be the last parade and service that this Association will organise. Our ageing membership, together with mobility issues, leaves us no choice. Please accept

our sincere gratitude for all the help and co-operation that Mere Residents have shown us over the years.

*Tony Coombes, Secretary
Devonshire & Dorset Regiment Assn., Gillingham Branch*

A BIG “THANK YOU!”

On Saturday, 14th June, the Annual Church Fete was held in glorious sunny weather, and we are delighted to report that it resulted in a grand profit of £4,100.

Our thanks to everyone who helped raise that sum - stallholders, people who supplied goods for the stalls, people who erected and took down stalls, gazebos and bunting, our local firefighters, the "Dogwise" Obedience to Music team, and especially to everyone who came and made the day a real community event.

Ann, Jean, Pat & Jill (2014 Fete Organisers)

Merrell's Mobile Foot Health Clinic.

For the professional treatment of: Corns • Callus/Hard Skin • Nail Trimming • Fungal & Thickened Nails • Athletes Foot • In growing toenails • Qualified to treat diabetics and those taking Warfarin and steroids • Massage given to make your feet feel fitter in the comfort of your own home. **Contact Mary on 07809 738237**

MERE AND DISTRICT LINKSCHEME

☎ 01747 860096

This is a plea for help from you, the members of our local community, to help us run the Linkscheme. The scheme is run by volunteers and, at the core, are the co-ordinators who work from home taking requests and arranging for drivers to complete the task. Co-ordinators are not obliged to stay at home waiting to receive calls, we are not a Taxi service and we encourage our users to give us at least two days notice. We have five co-ordinators at the moment who take it in turn to do this job. We will shortly be down to four with one member retiring and we desperately need to replace her and ideally find at least one other. If you have time to spare and think you may be interested in doing this rewarding and sometimes entertaining job for your local community, please contact the Linkscheme ☎ 01747 860096 for more information. *Barbara Thomas, Secretary*

LINKSCHEME LITERARY FESTIVAL LAUNCH

A reminder that the Mere Literary Festival's popular Quiz Night is on **Friday, 25th July** at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start in the Grove Building. Why not come along in a team of four or individually to test your general knowledge and enjoy a fun evening? Admission is £6 per person which includes a Ploughman's Supper. The quiz master will be the ever popular Bill Pike assisted by his team of markers and runners, who will deliver your team's Joker. **To book a table in advance ☎ 01747 861969.**

Details of the festival programme will be available during the evening and also at the Bargain Book Stall in The Square – with thanks to Jean Young - on **Saturday, 26th July**, from 10.00am until 12.00noon.

Adrienne Howell & The Lit. Fest. Group ☎ 01747 860475

WATER VOLES IN MERE

A number of walkers along Waterside will have enjoyed the sight of our resident water vole. Straight off the pages of *Wind in the Willows*, he sits on waterweed near the last bridge munching away and will happily engage in conversation if you talk quietly. He has relatives further upstream near the Green who are equally charming. They are dark brown and chubby with a broad face and furry tail. You can easily distinguish a vole from a rat, but your dog cannot and may easily disturb the colony who will then pack their bags in panic and leave.

So, the River Group is asking that you please keep your dogs out of the river and away from the far bank where the voles reside. If your dog needs a drink or de-mudding, please use the wide area at the bottom of Steep Street. Water voles are an endangered species and Mere is very lucky that these delightful creatures have made their home in its river. Please help us keep them here.

Ian Sheppard, Mere Rivers Group, ☎ 01747 863370

MERE CARNIVAL

Do you have any unwanted new, small or larger items that would be suitable for prizes during the Carnival fundraising events? If so, we would be very grateful to receive them for use.

Odd items are welcome, i.e. in-date non perishable, tinned or packets of food, toiletries etc. - as they can be made up into "prize boxes".

Donations can be left at Jeans Electrical Shop or Chapel Showroom or at Waltons Newsagents, please.

Carol Payne, for Mere Carnival Committee ☎ 01747 861639

MERE ART GROUP

New to the village? Bamboozled as to which of the many clubs/societies you might join?

Don't be put off by the title - we are just a group of people who like to paint in an informal, relaxing atmosphere. Everyone has done art at some level during childhood. Some of our number hadn't picked up a crayon or brush since their school days but find our small (untutored) group a haven for having another try.


We are happy to share our accumulated knowledge and have all the equipment (paints, paper, brushes etc) necessary for you to "have a go". It's a chance to meet new people - most of whom belong to other clubs as well, so a bit of networking goes on along with the new fun experience!

No pressure, no competition and no commitment - you only pay £2 for the sessions you attend and the first one's free. Pop in for a cuppa any time between 10.00am and 12.00noon (we're here every Thursday throughout the year at The Grove Building).

To see what we're up to, please contact me. *Judy Hingley, ☎ 01747 861596*

MERE FOOTPATH GROUP

Those of us who continue the fine tradition of improving the paths in and around Mere have been working out in the fields when the weather allows. Recently, we have been repairing stiles where the weather and walkers boots have taken their toll on paths 1, 2 and 3 which cross the fields just to the south west of the village.

We have, also, been trying to keep pace with the growth of bramble and nettle and hedgerow plants where they block the way. Should you find paths which are impassable, you can now e-mail us at  **merefootpathgroup@gmail.com** with the details. Likewise, if you can spare some time and would like to help – please e-mail us.

Many stiles and paths have been kept in fine repair by landowners and our thanks go to them for the work they do. We would also like to mention the teams from the Mere Youth Service who have been clearing the area by the bridge over Ashfield Water – a big thank you to them. Finally, thank you to the people who help out by clearing paths near their homes.

We have arranged for the Probation Service to come and clear the growth of grass from the sides of the path to Burton, which should make it easier for pushchairs and wheelchairs to use and get out into the nearby countryside.

Our ambition to create a circular route for wheelchairs and pushchairs around Mere is coming closer to being realised, with offers of help from the Parish Council, the South West Wiltshire Area Board and the Wiltshire Rights of Way Team.

John Jordan ☎ 01747 861567

JULY SHORT WALK

Meet at 2.00pm in the Surgery Car Park to join me for a walk of 2-3miles around the footpaths of Mere on Thursday, 31st July. There will be no walk in August.

Janet Way ☎ 01747 860884



MERE AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF TRADE



Monday, 8th September 2014

Emergency First Aid at Work Training Course

'HSE approved course'

Mere Chamber will be running this one day course on Emergency First Aid at Work from 9.00 am – 4.30pm at The Prince of Wales Club in Mere. This course is designed to meet the requirements of Health & Safety [First Aid] regulations 1981, which states by law, that all businesses must have one or more qualified first aiders. Upon completion of the course, delegates will be awarded with a certificate valid for 3 years.

Places for Chamber members are £66 per delegate and places for non members are £86 per delegate.

For further information or to book a place, please contact Julie Cousins on telephone number below.

Next Mere Chamber Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 9th July at Mere Social Club for 7.30pm (small room)

Julie Cousins, Chamber Secretary, ☎ 07856 700576

SHREEN HARMONY

Shreen Harmony's concert at St John the Baptist Church, Buckhorn Weston on Saturday, 7th June helped to raise £158.00 in aid of church repairs and restoration.

Their final summer concert (and last chance to hear them sing this summer!) is on Thursday 17th July at Motcombe Church, Motcombe, Dorset starting at 7.30pm.

The choir will resume rehearsals in September for a brand new Autumn/Winter programme of songs from around the world.

Shreen Harmony would like to thank everyone who has supported their performances so far this year.

Further information about your local community choir, including recordings of previous concerts, can be found on their website www.shreenharmony.co.uk

Jane Edwards ☎ 01380 830918

SILTON SINGERS

Summer Concert

An eclectic medley of madrigals, part-songs and folk songs from the 17th to the 20 century with instrumental interludes by

Charlotte Horner - Flute

Charles Hetherington - Musical Director

David Grierson - Accompanist

Saturday, 5th July 2014 at 7.30pm
Christ Church, East Stour

Tickets: £8

(to include interval refreshments),

available in advance from

Daphne Jones, 01747 838243, or at the door

Proceeds from the concert will be divided between

Christ Church Funds and Silton Singer Funds

Silton Singers thank **Carewatch Wessex** for their continued support

www.siltonsingers.org

MERE FILM SHOWS

Our season finishes this month on Thursday, 3rd July with the film **'The Invisible Woman' (12A)**, starring Ralph Fiennes and Felicity Jones, with Kristin Scott Thomas and Tom Attwood.

The story tells of how, at the height of his career, Charles Dickens meets a younger woman who becomes his secret lover until his death. Young Nell Ternan is the actress who catches the eye of the hailed author and Dickens, bored with his wife, takes the educated Ellen as his mistress with the co-operation of her mother.

What follows is a stormy relationship with this literary giant who provides her with a life few women of her time can enjoy. But, his determination to keep his young mistress a secret from the world is hard for Nell to bear. It is an excellent film with an excellent cast. Full details on page 26.

Our new season will start on Thursday, 11th September, with a film for Carnival Week, so make a note in your diary and look out for posters from mid-August when tickets will be available in the Library. Have an excellent summer and a big Thank You to everyone for supporting the Film Shows.

Mary White ☎ 01747 861257

Hidden Gardens of Mere

July 12-13th 2pm to 5pm



Entry to all gardens over the weekend:
£5 per person, accompanied children free

Tickets on sale at Mere Library and
between 1.30pm and 2.30pm over the weekend
under the Clock Tower

Proceeds in aid of The Friends of St. Michael's
and Mere Gardening Club

MERE THEATRE CLUB

Autumn starts here! While you are hopefully enjoying a glorious English summer, the theatre club committee will be toiling over theatre guides to produce the autumn programme, probably going out in July.

Don't forget that we are offering concerts as well as theatre this autumn, so if you're not already on the mailing list, get signed up!

Madelaine Morris ☎ 01747 861833 Wendy Horne ☎ 01747 861712

MERE GARDENING CLUB

Making a Garden for Hampton Court
Sue Hazeldene

Wednesday 9th July 7.30pm Grove Building

This will be a very personal account of building a garden at Hampton Court flower show, illustrated with slides. **£2 entry for visitors who are very welcome.**

Members' Garden Visit

Wednesday, 13th August starts 6.30pm

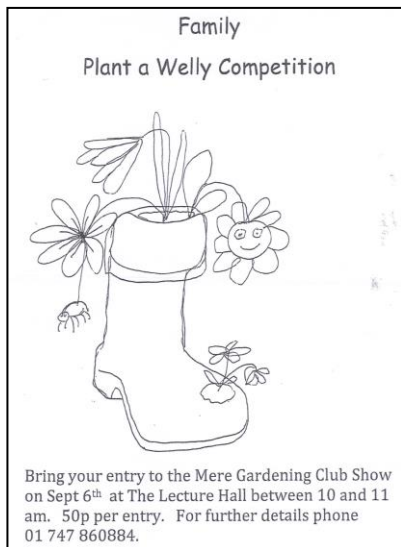
This year, the members' garden visit will be at Gerry Meyer's house which is: Chetcombe House, Chetcombe Road, Mere, BA12 6AZ. It will start at 6.30pm and members are asked to bring some "nibbles". Drinks will be provided. We will also have an advisor from Castle Gardens who will tour the garden and give general garden advice.

Annual Show

Saturday, 6th September

After last year's success our Annual Show is open to Everyone again. Schedules will be available from Sprout and Flower or from me. We look forward to a bumper number of entries and a glorious display of fruit, veggies, flowers and arrangements in the Lecture Hall. The Special category this year for families is to be a 'Plant a Welly' Competition. Brainwave will be saving their boots in case you haven't any to spare! So let your imaginations roll and surprise us all with your creations! And watch out for the 'Big Weigh In' of Garden Club Members' Potato Challenge on Saturday, 30th August in The Square at 11.00am

Janet Way ☎ 01747 860884



MERE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Daphne Atkinson was our speaker last month, talking about her mother's experiences working as a Housemaid at Ickworth Mansion near Bury St. Edmonds, which became the property of the National Trust in 1956. Not only did we hear about the long hours and the hard work but also the routine of the days and months. We also saw many slides of the Mansion, both inside and out. A truly interesting place to visit. For more details see page 190 in the National Trust handbook.

During the month we held our usual "chat and craft" and games afternoons. Two members also attended the New Speakers day at Broughton Gifford to investigate new ideas for next year's entertainment. This forum is where potential speakers show and discuss their presentations to group representatives. A team of three members

attended the W.I. Quiz at Sarum Academy in Salisbury, more of that in the September edition of Mere Matters.

Our next meeting, on Thursday, 3rd July in the Grove Buildings at 7.30pm will be a feast for the eyes. Frances Benton is giving us a lively talk entitled "A Passion for Pearls," nature's only living gemstones, the science, the history, the real and fakes, the myths and legends. You will be able to handle many pearls and can try on any of the hand-crafted unique jewellery available for sale. If you like pearls, this is a must. There will be posters and flyers around Mere to remind you about this meeting, so please come and enjoy a unique evening. There will be a nominal £2 entrance charge for non W.I. members at this meeting, so please come and share a stimulating evening. We would be very pleased to see you.

On Friday, 1st August we are having a lunch at the Dolphin, in Gillingham. Thursday, 7th August, our usual meeting date, sees us enjoying our Garden Meeting at the home of one of our members. A relaxing afternoon, hopefully enjoying some beautiful sunshine, tea, cakes and games.

On Saturday, 9th August, we are holding a cake and produce stall in the centre of Mere. So if you enjoy homemade produce, we look forward to seeing you and to selling you some. Proceeds from this stall will be for W.I. funds.

Janet Fisher ☎ 01747 861323



MOTHERS' UNION AND OPEN MEMBERS' GROUP

Our July meeting goes to the heart of one of the key areas of MU's work – support for those whose family life has met with adversity. We have given to the Salisbury Women's Refuge in a number of ways over the years, and at our meeting at 2.30pm on Tuesday, 8th July in the Grove Building we will hear about their work from one of the Trustees, Mary Paisey. As always, everyone is welcome to our meeting, so if you would like to hear more about the vital work of this organisation, please come along.

Later in the month, on Monday, 28th July, Lynn Tembey, MU World-Wide President will be visiting Salisbury Diocese, spending the day in Wilton, where there will be displays and exhibitions to see, a picnic lunch (BYO), ending with a service in Church at which Lynn Tembey will speak. This is a one-off event not likely to happen again, so we have booked a coach, and all MU Members, past and present as well as future hopefuls, are very welcome to come. Places are limited, as we will be bringing members from other

branches as well, so if you would like to book a seat, please ring me at the telephone number below as soon as possible.

On Saturday, 16th August from 10.00-11.00am we will be holding a Cake Stall on the triangle by Mere Clock Tower in aid of the MU Wheels Appeal – an annual event to help members supporting others in very poor parts of the world, to enable them to travel to where they are needed. So come and get a delicious home-made cake in support of a good cause! *Judith Thompson, MU Branch Leader, ☎ 01747-860553*

MERELY WOMEN

Merely Women offers a warm welcome to any ladies living in Mere. This group is particularly helpful for newcomers to the area, as it is a place to chat and meet new friends. We have activities, speakers and discussions. There is always tea and coffee, with a lot of chat and laughter.

We meet in the Grove Building on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month, from 10.00am. There is no membership, so just come along between 10.00 and 10.15am for a pre-meeting tea/coffee and chat. Everyone, of all ages, and new or established residents, are most welcome.

There will be meetings on Fridays, 11th and 25th July, but none in August when we have our summer break. We start again on Friday, 12th September.

Jean Eyles ☎ 01747 863450

ROSEMARY GODDARD CENTRE (RGC) for the over 60s

**Mere and District Day Centre, Lynch Close, Mere
Mondays and Fridays 10.30am to 3.00pm**

What a success our trip to Weymouth was! Everyone really enjoyed themselves with the weather holding for most of the day. A few brave souls even went for a paddle in the calm waters. Thank you to all of you that came along with us, as usual we had a great turnout. In July we are saying goodbye to one of our regular volunteers, Judith Hope.

On behalf of everyone at the RGC, I would like to thank Judith for all her support over the years, we wish her and David well with their new adventure. This of course means that I am on the lookout for a new volunteer! If you can help us during sessions on one or two Mondays a month I would love to hear from you. We currently have spaces for new guests on a Friday, please get in touch with me on the number below if you are interested.

All are welcome to our AGM on Monday, 21st July 2014 at 2.00pm, to be held in the Community Room, Lynch Close, Mere. Website: www.MereDayCentre.org.uk
Sandie Hawkins, RGC Organiser ☎ 07835 272406

FRIENDS OF FIVES COURT

Our big annual event is fast approaching! The **10th Autumn Fair** will take place from 2.00pm on **Saturday, 6th September** in the grounds of Fives Court - see notice below for details. Nearer the time we will be appealing for things to sell - please keep an eye open for posters. If you find yourself making jam, jellies, pickles or other preserves, please make an extra jar for us! Meanwhile have a lovely summer!

Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908

Friends of Fives Court are holding an

Autumn Fair

Saturday, 6th September 2.00pm

Games * books * plants * raffle *

and much, much more.....



Gillingham Junior Brass Band

*** Delicious Teas ***

In the grounds of Fives Court, Angel Lane

MERE AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

The trouble with societies like MADS is that you always have to be thinking very far ahead to get the next production ready. So the news from us this summer is that our 'Autumn Production' (title to be confirmed nearer the time) will take place (very nearly in the winter) on Thursday – Saturday, **20th - 22nd November 2014**. Make a note of the dates NOW, and then make the most of the long hot summer ahead of us!

Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908

MERE MUSEUM AND THE FRIENDS OF MERE MUSEUM

On **Saturday, 19th July** we will be holding another of our '**Tea at the Museum**' events. It gives us the opportunity to show everyone the latest developments in the life of the Museum, which are almost all digital! See and try our touch-screen, see a demonstration of our brand new cataloguing system (on our brand new computer) and enjoy tea and home-made cake into the bargain. What better way to spend an hour or two on a Saturday afternoon. Do drop in and see what we're up to at any time between **2.30 and 5.00pm** at the Museum.

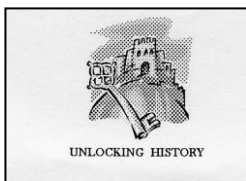
Our next exhibition, which will open on **Tuesday, 5th August**, will be about the men of Mere who lost their lives in WW1, and about those who fought and survived. Watch out for posters.
Jenny Wilding ☎ 01747 860908

GROVE BUILDINGS "100 CLUB"

The Result of the '100' Club Draw for June 2014, drawn on Monday, 2nd June by Mrs Liz Nightingale was:

1st Prize (£30) -	No. 150	Mrs W Bevington
2nd Prize (£20) -	No. 11	Mrs P Stephenson
3rd Prize (£10) -	No. 20	Mrs W Mitchell-Turner
4th Prize (£10) -	No. 88	Mrs J Eyles

Valerie Ransley ☎ 01747 860964



MERE HISTORICAL SOCIETY Portsmouth Historic Dockyard

Thursday, 10th July 2014

Fully booked

**We will leave Salisbury Street Car Park at 8.45am
and return by around 6.30pm**

NOTE: Chatsworth 7/8th September has enough interest to go ahead.

However, at the time of writing a problem had emerged with the overnight stop which I hope to have resolved before the end of June. I will be contacting you all with details of the change of hotel as soon as I can. There will be no change to the cost of the trip, but please **do not** send me the balance until I have contacted you.

For more details please ring

Caroline Cook ☎ 01747 861797

MERE BOWLS CLUB

On Saturday, 8th June we hosted a Bowls Wiltshire select team to help the club celebrate our 50th birthday, as the club was formed in 1964. A great afternoon of bowling culminated in a sit-down three course meal in the Andy Young pavilion suitably prepared and served by Alan Isgrove and his Angels: Carol Vigars, Julia Rankin, June Holdom, Lorna Powell, Margaret Inwood and Chris Isgrove.

WILTSHIRE MOVIOLA
in association with
MERE PARISH COUNCIL
proudly presents

'The Invisible Woman'

(12A)

Ralph Fiennes Felicity Jones
Kristin Scott Thomas

Aged 45, Charles Dickens (Ralph Fiennes) is famous all over the world, but he is weary of his wife, who has worn herself out running his home and bearing ten children. When Dickens meets the teenage actress Nell Ternan (Felicity Jones) he falls head over heels in love with her, and although she risks social disgrace if the truth becomes known, she finds his attentions impossible to resist.

In The Lecture Hall
Thursday, 3rd July, at 7.30pm
(Doors open 7.00pm)

TICKETS £6.00

Available from The Library

For more information call Mary White ☎ 01747 861257

Visit our website at: **www.moviola.org**

For any information regarding the club or the sport of Bowls, please contact Alan Inwood: ☎ 01985 844215, Jeff Vigars: ✉ jeffcarolvigars@hotmail.co.uk, ☎ 01747 860976 or me, Don Butchers: ✉ don.butchers@btinternet.com.

Don Butchers, Club Secretary, ☎ 01747 860775

MERE CRICKET CLUB

It has been a great start to the 2014 season with strong wins over Dinton, Motcombe and the Deverills. The junior section continues to grow with a thriving U9's, U11's and U13's. The club is always on the look out for new players, young and old, experienced or beginners. The emphasis is about having fun and playing the game in the right spirit. This ethos has made us a very popular fixture for local sides to play, with a full fixture list from April to September. Visit: www.merecc.co.uk for more details.

Why not come along to our Club Open Day supported by Waitrose on Saturday, 19th July at Duchy Manor Fields. The day starts at 10.00am with the U9's match followed by the junior awards and a senior match in the afternoon versus touring team East Meon. There will be a BBQ all day, a raffle, enjoy a cup of tea and a piece of cake and watch some cricket. We would love to see as many of you as possible.

Duncan Weir, Club Captain ☎ 01747 860870

MERE CROQUET AND BOULE CLUB

The 2014 playing season for the croquet is well underway and members are enjoying games in the sunshine. The boule season lead-off was on 22nd June when we had two teams playing friendly league games. Trees surrounding the club site have become overgrown and are encroaching on the road, so lopping is being professionally undertaken.

New members to the Club are always welcome, both new players and players coming back to play.

Lesley Eastment, Secretary, ☎ 01963 364113

MERE TOWN YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

Summer Soccer School will this year take place on Tuesday, 5th, Wednesday, 6th, and Thursday, 7th August 2014 from 10.30am – 3.00pm at Mere School playing fields, for KS2 only, (7-14yrs), boys & girls welcome.

The cost will be £35 for 3 days or £15 per day. Please bring a packed lunch and appropriate clothing, hats and suncream are a MUST. Booking is not essential, but is advisable as places are limited. For more information or to book a place contact me.

If your child is interested in joining this popular youth football club, either come along on the soccer school days and pick up a registration pack or contact me.

J. Hodge ☎ 07808 715725



GREEN CLASS REPORTS

Multi cultural day.

The whole school is looking forward to multi cultural day. This year it is going to celebrate Spanish life.

The whole school will be coming in for the day dressed in traditional Spanish clothes or in the colours of the Spanish flag on the 10th July.

Everyone will be taking part in lots of exciting activities including, Spanish dancing, cooking, Spanish conversations and making Spanish dolls.

Pirate day

There were lots of pirates in school today, 13.06.14 as Blue class are having a pirate day celebration for their topic.

They have been writing pirate stories, making pirate necklaces, drawing maps, going on treasure hunts.

They are having a pirate party at the end of the day.

Sports

Our year 5 and 6 Kwik Cricket team have qualified for the Wiltshire County finals. Year 3 and 4 have qualified for North Dorset Tennis County finals.

Year 3 have been to Gillingham to take part in athletic multi sports.

Gold Class

Gold class topic this term has been gardens and how they grow. In literacy they have been listening to 'A Midnight Summers Dream'.

Next they will be performing plays. They have been very successful with their planting and have some very healthy beans growing in the school garden.

Houses and homes

Silver class have been finding out about houses and homes and have been looking at the local environment.

They have been looking at old and new homes in Mere. They have been writing books in literacy about different animals.

They are planning a class trip to Castle Hill to research different animal habitats for their science.

A final performance

Purple class have been busy rehearsing for their end of year performance. The show is called, 'Move it'. Mac is playing the lead role of Sam and he has been busy practising at school and home.

STOP PRESS!

**Look on our website for latest news
and pictures:**

www.mereschool.co.uk

1ST MERE BROWNIES

Recycling project

Thank you for your continued support. We are still collecting Jewellery – Gold, Silver, Costume and watches; Foreign and UK coins and notes - any currency and of any age and Mobile phones (they do not have to be working, but it is advisable to remove the SIM card).

Please note: This is about you giving unwanted items. Please be careful not to give anything of sentimental value that you may later regret donating!

We can recycle them for you – with proceeds to unit funds. Collection points for all your contributions are still at Waltons Newsagent, The Post Office, Jeans Electrical Shop and Jeans Chapel Showroom as well as the Library.

Sue Luffman and Sue Jeans, Brownie Guiders ☎ 01747 860215

MERE CHILDRENS CENTRE

As usual we have been busy here at the children's centre, having fun, learning through play and supporting our children's development through carefully planned activities.

On Tuesdays from 9.30 to 10.30am we do singing at Zeals Parish Room with lots of rhymes and songs for your little ones to learn. On Tuesday afternoons we have been running a course of Baby Massage for mums with young babies. This is good for bonding with your baby and can help with digestion and sleep patterns. If you are interested in the next course we run, please let us know by calling us on the number below and getting your name down. Also, in the afternoons, Family Learning is running a course on budgeting; how to make those pennies stretch further, with lots of ideas for economic meals.

On Wednesday mornings at 9.30am we have Stay and Play, a busy session for toddlers, full of activities and crafts to stimulate your little ones; lots of messy play and arts and crafts. On Wednesday afternoons we have our Breastfeeding Club at 1.30pm, run by our invaluable volunteer. This is a relaxed, friendly, session for those who are breastfeeding their babies and want support and advice, or to compare notes with other mums in the same situation.

On the first Thursday of the month Mere Pre-school come to visit us to do cooking and have fun mixing and stirring and making something which often goes home with them, sometimes those biscuits are just a little too tempting! Family Learning has recently finished running a valuable course on Fun with Food, and Food Safety.

Fridays is our Baby Group in the afternoon at 1.30pm, which is a friendly welcoming group for parents of babies up to 18 months. Like our other groups this is a relaxed

place to meet other parents and children, learn rhymes and get ideas to help promote your child's development.

We also have a great Sensory Room which is available to book for individual sessions by ringing the number below and speaking to one of the team.

We are open through the summer for our normal groups at the centre, and for drop in and outreach, so come along and make use of our facilities.

If you have not visited the Centre before, come along and see us at the School Site, Springfield Road and meet the friendly team and see our great facilities.

Jane Smith, Support Worker, ☎ 01747 861108

MESSY CHURCH HOLIDAY CLUB

Monday, 28th – Wednesday, 30th July 2014

9.15am – 12.00noon

In the Grove Building, Mere

No Cost (donations welcome)

Any Questions – ☎ 01747 861212

Book soon as space is limited

Applications from

**The Vicarage, Angel Lane, Mere or Mere, Whitesheet
and Bourton School Offices**

Booking Deadline: Monday, 14th July 2014

IT WOULD BE GREAT TO SEE YOU!

ALL CHILDREN WELCOME!

REMEMBER! COPY DATE FOR THE SEPTEMBER 2014 ISSUE

MONDAY, 18th AUGUST 2014

THE REV'D PAUL ARNOLD, METHODIST CHURCH MINISTER, WRITES:

July and August are traditionally the months when many of us take summer breaks and try to find a break from the 'normal' round of activities and discover rest and recreation. This year I anticipate that August will have a different 'feel' to it, and this will have nothing to do with whether we have a 'BBQ summer' or not!

On the weekend of 2nd – 4th August there will be many events locally and nationally to remember the Centenary of the outbreak of the First World War and we will be called once more to 'Remember.' It is difficult to comprehend what a tumultuous time August 1914 must have been as optimistic young recruits marched off to a war that would: 'be over by Christmas.' It soon became evident that this was far from the case and even by the end of 1914 it was clear the conflict was mired in a stalemate that would take years to break.

In the Methodist Church there is a strong history of pacifism and conscientious objection. As a young man I held such views; however over the years I have changed my standpoint and feel I can no longer hold that belief with integrity. Some will feel I have lost something of the radical call of the gospel of Jesus, others that I have lost my naivety. I would want to say that in a world filled with violence and horror, there may be situations where a response that uses force is preferable to allowing evil to go unchecked. I am sure that armed conflict is always a 'failure' and against the loving purposes of God, but I believe it may be the lesser of two evils, and these are the terrible choices we are sometimes called to face.

Over the years at significant wartime anniversaries and Remembrance Day events, many people have said to me, 'What am I supposed to 'remember' when I wasn't there?' It is a good question. The central act in Christian worship is the Eucharist (or Holy Communion, Mass or Lord's Supper). At its heart Jesus tells his followers to 'Remember me.' So, we might ask the same question, 'Lord, how can we remember something we didn't witness in the first place?' Remembrance is not simply about recalling past people or events with memories that fade with the passing years. Remembrance is about calling to mind that which is most precious and valuable and committing ourselves to that. Some years ago I was helped by someone whose knowledge of English grammar is much better than mine (!) – she said, we often think the opposite of 'remember' is 'forget,' when in fact the opposite of the verb to 'remember' is to, 'dismember.' To 'dis-member' is to fragment and tear apart, whereas to, 're-member' is to connect and repair.

Wherever you stand on the issue of armed conflict, the call of Jesus on us all is to be 'peace-makers' – when we do that, we are truly blessed. In all the events planned for this August's commemorations, I hope we may all 'remember' his call and see afresh

that peace-making is not simply the job of the United Nations or international diplomats, it is for us to draw to mind and make a priority all those things that will bind up and reunite our broken world and community – and it starts with me, now....

Peace.

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, MERE

Songs of Praise

Sunday, 20th July @ 6.00 pm

Do come along to join us in singing and praise

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Café Worship

At 10.30am in the School Room at the Methodist Church on Wednesday, 30th July - worship begins at 11.0 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

There will be no Café worship during August, but there will be the usual Coffee Mornings on Wednesdays. *Mary Siderfin ☎ 01747 861370*



Everyone is welcome to come to a

STRAWBERRY TEA

in Aid of Suchana

possibly with special guests from India!

on Friday, 11th July from 2.30pm

at Rivermead, Pettridge Lane

(Jean & Colin Kantharia's house) ☎ 01747 861168

Very many thanks to all who donated to Suchana at Judith Thompson's 70th Birthday celebration. An amazing total of over £700 was given.

SERVICES IN MERE AND WEST KNOYLE

JULY 2014

The Parish Church, St Michael the Archangel:

Priest in Charge: Rev'd Carol Wilson-Barker ☎ 01747 861859,

✉ carolw953@aol.com

Churchwardens:

Mrs Elizabeth Howden ☎ 01747 863424

Mr Michael Marsh ☎ 01747 861212

Each Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Each Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Each Friday	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW1)
	The Rev'd Carol Wilson Barker has a rest day	

Tuesday	1st	6.00pm	Start the Month Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday	6th	9.15am	Said Eucharist followed by coffee
		10.30am	Family Praise Service
		6.00pm	Evensong
Sunday	13th	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)
Sunday	*20th	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)
		6.00pm	Songs of Praise
Sunday	27th	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)

*Traidcraft Stall after 10.30am service

The United Reformed Church

Mere Contact: Mrs E Burfitt ☎ 01747 860685

Sunday	6th	11.00am	Rev'd Margaret Laurie
	13th	11.00am	Rev'd Hazel Barkham
			Communion service
	20th	11.00am	Rev'd Stella Sivour
	27th	11.00am	Mrs Jenny Doman
			Songs of Praise

The Methodist Church (☎ Gillingham 01747 823777)

Mere Contact: Mrs M Siderfin ☎ 01747 861370

Sunday	6th	6.00pm	Rev'd Paul Arnold
			Holy Communion
	13th	6.00pm	Mrs Ann Collinson
	20th	6.00pm	Songs of Praise
			at the Parish Church
	27th	6.00pm	MISSION SUNDAY

The Roman Catholic Church, St Mary's

Mere Contacts: Margaret Thompson ☎ 01747 860291 or Teresa Read ☎ 01747 860289

Every Saturday 5.30pm Mass

West Knoyle Parish Church, St Mary the Virgin: ☎ 01747 830534

Sunday	6th	9.30am	DIY
	13th	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	20th	9.30am	Matins
	27th	9.15am	Holy Communion (CW1 Trad)

Note: BCP indicates Book of Common Prayer 1662

CW1 indicates Common Worship Order 1 (trad. Indicates traditional language)

AUGUST 2014

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Each Friday		8.00am	Holy Communion (CW1)
		The Rev'd Carol Wilson Barker has a rest day	
Sunday	3rd	9.15am	Said Eucharist followed by coffee
		10.30am	Family Praise Service
Tuesday	5th	6.00pm	"Start the Month"
			Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday	10th	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)
	17th	10.30am	BENEFICE SERVICE at St
Mary's,			
			West Knoyle for Patronal Festival.
			NO service at St Michaels.
	24th	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW1)
	31st	10.30am	Matins

The United Reformed Church

Mere Contact: Mrs E Burfitt, ☎ 01747 860685

Sunday	3rd	11.00am	Rev'd Stella Sivour
			Holy Communion
	10th	10.45am	Rev'd Elizabeth Kemp
			+ Church Meeting

Sunday	17th	11.00am	Mr Peter Kershaw
	24th	11.00am	Rev'd Hazel Barkham
	31st	11.00am	Rev'd Margaret Laurie

The Methodist Church (☎ 01747 823777)

Mere Contact: Mrs M Siderfin: ☎ 01747 861370

Sunday	3rd	6.00pm	Circuit Service at Bell Street, Shaftesbury.
	10th	6.00pm	Rev'd Helen Caine
	17th	6.00pm	Songs of Praise at the Parish Church
	24th	6.00pm	Rev'd Paul Arnold
	31st	6.00pm	Holy Communion Mrs Ann Collinson

The Roman Catholic Church, St Mary's

Mere Contacts: Margaret Thompson ☎ 01747 860291 or Teresa Read

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Every Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
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West Knoyle Parish Church, St Mary the Virgin ☎ 01747 830534

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	10th	9.15am	Holy Communion (CW1 Trad)
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Sunday	24th	9.15am	Matins
	31st	9.30am	DIY

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DIARY DATES

July 2014

AYP-Andy Young Pavilion; BSF-Barrow Street Farm; CC-United Reformed Church Centre; CP-Main Car Park; DMS-Duchy Manor School; GB-Grove Building; L-Lecture Hall; Lib-Library; Lynch-Lynch Community Centre; MH-Methodist Church Hall; SM-St Mary's RC Church; YC-Youth Centre.

1	Tue	10.15am	-	12.00noon Lip Reading (also 8th)	GB
		6.00pm		Pilates (every Tuesday)	GB
		6.20pm		Zumba (also 8th, 15th and 29th)	L

2	Wed	9.30am	Tai Chi (also 9th, 16th & 23rd)	GB
		10.30am	Tai Chi – small hall (also 9th, 16th & 23rd)	GB
		11.00am	Pilates (also 23rd)	GB
		6.00pm	Karate (every Wednesday)	L
		7.00pm	<i>Mothers Union</i>	
3	Thur	10.00am	- 11.30am Hearing Aid Clinic	Surgery
		10.00am	- 12.00pm Mere Art Group (every Thursday)	GB
		1.00pm	Bridge Club (every Thursday)	L
		7.30pm	Mere Filmshows/Moviola "The Invisible Woman"	L
		7.30pm	Womens Institute	GB
		7.30pm	Shreen Harmony (every Thursday)	CC
4	Fri	10.30am	St Michael's "First Friday" Coffee Drop in	GB
		6.00pm	Zumba (also 8th, 25th & 29th)	L
		6.30pm	- 8.00pm Barn Buddies (every Friday)	BSF
5	Sat	10.00am	- 11.00am Mere Credit Union (every Saturday)	Lib
		10.30am	'Drop In' Coffee Morning (also 12th, 19th & 26th)	CC
7	Mon	9.30am	Tiddlers & Toddlers (also 14th)	L
		10.00am	Chair based Zumba (also 14th & 28th)	L
		11.00am	Zumba Gold (also 14th & 28th)	L
		2.00pm	Pilates (every Monday)	GB
		6.00pm	Beaver Scouts	GB
		6.45pm	Cubs	GB
		7.00pm	Scouts	GB
		7.00pm	Slimming World (every Monday)	L
		7.30pm	MADS Meeting (Green Room)	L
8	Tue	9.00am	Foot Care Clinic (also 29th)	L
		2.30pm	Mothers Union	GB
9	Wed	1.45pm	Friends Together Whist Drive	GB
		7.30pm	Gardening Club	GB
		7.30pm	Chamber of Trade Committee Meeting	MSC
		5.00pm	Girl Guiding	GB
11	Fri	10.00am	Merely Women (also 25th)	GB
12	Sat	2.00pm	Hidden Gardens of Mere (also 13th)	Lib/Square
		6.30pm	Oasis Carnival Club Bingo	L
		7.30pm	Mere Footpath Group moonlight walk	CP
13	Sun	2.30pm	43rd (Wessex) Divisional Memorial service	CP
19	Sat	10.30am	'Drop In' Coffee Morning + Traidcraft stall	CC
		2.00pm	Tea at the Museum	Lib
20	Sun	2.00pm	Mere Footpath Group Walk	CP
21	Mon	2.00pm	RGC AGM	The Lynch
23	Wed	1.45pm	Friends Together	GB
25	Fri	7.00pm	Mere Literary Festival Quiz Night"	GB
26	Sat	10.00am	- 12.00Noon Mere Literary Festival Book Stall	Square
28	Mon	8.30am	Children's Holiday Club	GB

29	Tues	8.30am	Children's Holiday Club	GB
30	Wed	10.30am	Café Worship	MH
31	Thur	2.00pm	July Short Walk	CP

August 2014

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13	Wed	1.45pm	Friends Together Whist	GB
16	Sat	10.00am	Mothers Union Cake Stall	Square
		10.30am	'Drop In' Coffee Morning + Traidcraft stall	CC
		10.30pm	Summer Reading Challenge Activity	Lib
17	Sun	10.00am	Mere Footpath Group Walk	CP
		1.45pm	Friends Together	GB
31	Sun	2.00pm	Mere Footpath Group Walk	CP

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MERE INFORMATION

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MERE INFORMATION POINT, THE LIBRARY

The following Clinics/Advice Centres are held on a regular basis

CITIZENS' ADVICE:	Tuesdays:	10.00am to 3.30pm
HEALTH MATTERS ADVICE	Tuesdays:	1.30 to 4.30pm
MEMORY LOSS READING GROUP	Wednesdays:	2.30 to 4.00pm
ALZHEIMERS SUPPORT	1st Friday:	2.00 to 4.00pm
REGISTRAR OF BIRTHS & DEATHS:	<u>By appointment only</u> (☎ 01225 713007)	
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